



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 17, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director, Carol Meyer, Director of Governmental Affairs, and John Cochran, III, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Services, presented the attached progress report related to the Martin Luther King, Jr. – Harbor Hospital Contingency Plan.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul also addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The allocation of Resident slots is one of the losses that has been emphasized if Martin Luther King, Jr. – Harbor Hospital (MLK-Harbor) were to lose Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Certification. MLK – Harbor has 252 Resident slots. These slots are presently allocated to former Drew Residents that have moved to other hospitals to continue their residency.

“There are a number of questions relating to the status of these slots and what action would have to be taken by Congress in order to preserve them for future use by a reopened King hospital in the event it is closed. Congress in 1996 provided that there would not be any future slots made available and for slots that are terminated there is no clear path to reinstatement.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Antonovich being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Received and filed the Chief Executive Officer’s attached progress report on actions related to the Martin Luther King, Jr. – Harbor Hospital Contingency Plan;

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2. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer to work in concert with the County Counsel and the Director of Health Services, to analyze and report back with findings and recommendations within seven days on the following:
 - The status of the Residents who are presently utilizing the Resident slots;
 - The Congressional history and whether there is any process to reinstate Resident slots under existing law; and
 - What legislative action would be required by Congress to provide a means by which to reapply and/or preserve the Resident slots if there is no existing process for reinstatement; and
3. Directed the Chief Executive Officer and the Los Angeles County Intergovernmental Relations staff to actively pursue legislative action, as required, if it is determined that such action is necessary.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Health Services